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For : INK JET HEAD, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE INK JET HEAD,  
AND INK JET RECORDING DEVICE

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2006/302189, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report has been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2004-160875 A; and
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-289191 A.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as

ascertained with respect to the International claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicant further brings to the attention of the Examiner the following documents:

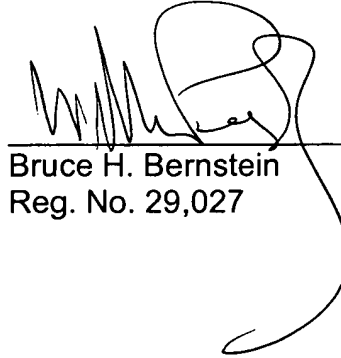
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 63-74645 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-226106 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that above-noted documents (3) and (4) are cited beginning at page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

Since the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is assumed to have received the International Search Report and the documents cited therein from the International Bureau, and the Examiner is assumed to have considered these documents in accordance with M.P.E.P. 609.03 and 1893.03(g), copies of these documents, i.e., above-noted documents (1) and (2) are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of above-noted documents (3) and (4) are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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